

# North Attleboro

## *National Fish Hatchery*

### *Fact Sheet*

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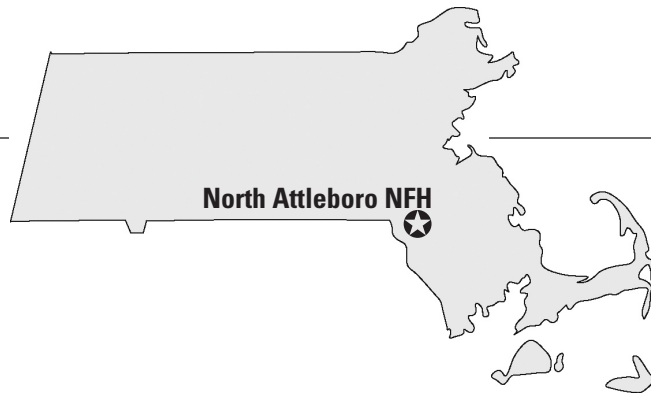
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#### Purpose

The North Attleboro National Fish Hatchery was established for the purpose of rearing fish for the New England states.

#### Public Use Notes

- Hatchery tours
- Salmon spawning demonstrations
- Self-guided nature trail
- Massachusetts deer check station
- Wildlife viewing
- Annual fishing derby for youths
- Adopt-a-Salmon Program
- Annual Heritage Day Program (North Attleboro Middle School)
- Two informational Web sites:  
<http://www.fws.gov/r5cneafp>  
<http://www.fws.gov/r5crc>



#### Management Activities

- Evaluate and utilize best available and/or innovative fish culture techniques to support Atlantic salmon restoration programs in the Merrimack, Connecticut and Pawcatuck rivers in cooperation with other state and government agencies
- Recondition wild Atlantic salmon from the Connecticut and Merrimack river programs for continued production of genetically significant eggs to meet production goals of strategic restoration plans
- Cooperate with anglers, schools, visitors, state, federal and non-government agencies to build support for and promote fishery education and stewardship.

#### Highlights

The hatchery is strategically located to support all Atlantic salmon restoration programs in southern New England.

Sea-run adults from the Merrimack and Connecticut rivers are reconditioned for continued egg production for 2 to 4 years. These wild females produce about two million eggs annually.

A draft conceptual plan has been developed for the hatchery to meet today's fishery conservation needs and plan for tomorrow's challenges.

#### Issues

Restore Atlantic salmon and enhance anadromous fish populations in the Merrimack, Connecticut and Pawcatuck rivers.

Maintain a healthy stock of sea-run Atlantic salmon for producing high-quality Atlantic salmon eggs and fry.

Promote support for fishery conservation.

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